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Palästina. Von D. Hermann Guthe. 167 pp., 142 Photographs, Map in colours, and Index. Velhagen & Klasing, Leipzig, 1909. Price, 4 M.

This is No. 21 of the excellent "Land und Leute" series, all uncommonly well illustrated and written for the general reader by well-known geographers. The geographic specialty of the author of this volume, Prof. Guthe, of the University of Leipzig, is Palestine. The reader may be assured of the reliability of the text and at the same time, a very large amount of information is presented in a manner calculated to interest all intelligent persons. The region treated extends from Damascus to the Dead Sea and includes the historic area east of the Jordan. This is a unique contribution to the literature of Palestine because it is both cheap in price and admirable in text and illustration.

La Mer. Populations Maritimes. Migrations—Pêches—Commerce-Domination de la Mer. Par Camille Vallaux. 377 pp., Technical Vocabulary, Bibliography, and Index. Octave Doin, Paris, 1908. Price, 6 fr.

Not a treatise on oceangraphy, but a study of the ocean in relation to human life and enterprise. The book is permeated with the ideas and influences of Ratzel, of which full acknowledgment is made. The topics include concise discussions of types of coasts, islands and insularity, deep sea and coastal fisheries described and contrasted, trans-oceanic migrations, sea routes compared with lands routes, maritime commerce in polar and equatorial regions, etc. There is a social science of the sea and the author shows its geographical relations. The long bibliography contains some mistakes in the alphabetical arrangement of the names of American authors, *e. g.,* "Morris Davis, W.," and "Russell, Smith, J." The book is brimful of suggestive information and deductions therefrom. Its author is professor of geography at the French Naval School.

Out of Door Studies in Geography: I—The Making of the Surface and Soils of the Upper Mississippi Region. By F. M. Fultz. 111 pp. and many Illustrations from Photographs. The Public School Publishing Co., Bloomington, Ill., 1908. Price, 60 c.

A reading book for children which may be used with the greatest profit in the central Western States. It includes chapters on Glaciers, Ice and Water Erosion, The Upper Mississippi Region, The Mississippi River from St. Louis to Minneapolis, An Iowa Coal Mine, and Granite Works and Stone Cutters' Shops. Each topic is simply and clearly presented and illustrated by a series of well-chosen and effective half-tones. The book will serve as excellent supplementary reading in the intermediate grades, but is not sufficiently inclusive to be the only book used in this way in any grade. R. E. D.

Views of the Mission Mountains, Flathead Lake and Valley. By Morton J. Elrod, Missoula, Mont. The Albertype Co., Brooklyn, N. Y. Price, $1.00.

A panorama of the Mission Mountains and twenty other large photographic reproductions of scenes in the Flathead Indian Reservation, Montana, which has recently been thrown open to settlement. Mr. Elrod, of the Department of Biology in the State University of Montana, at Missoula, selected these superb views, the pick of several hundred negatives, and has supplied a page of introductory text.

The pictures give a vivid idea of the various geographical phases of this region where some of the finest scenery of America is to be found. We see the snow-clad peaks, the fertile valleys, the cascades, foaming rapids and placid lakes, the grazing and farm lands and the stately forests of this favoured area, about 2,500 square miles in extent. The booklet is very timely, for it shows the natural conditions of the region on the eve of occupation by thousands of settlers who will bring about great changes, though they can never ruin the scenery. More than half of Flathead Lake, covering over 300 square miles, is in the Reservation, and is destined to be one of the great pleasure resorts of our northwest. Mr. Elrod was so fortunate as to catch, on one of his superb negatives, a distant view of all that is left of the largest herd of undomesticated buffalo that recently roamed the plains, about 200 yet remaining.

Die Deutsche Kolonialgesellschaft, 1882–1907. Im Auftrage des Ausschusses der Deutschen Kolonialgesellschaft dargestellt. v and 229 pp. and Index. D. Reimer (Ernst Vohsen), Berlin, 1908. Price, 2 M.

A summary of the first 25 years of activity of the German Colonial Society. Next to the United States, Germany is the youngest of the colonial powers. No influence, outside of the German government, has so effectively promoted the colonial movement as this society. Its membership, for years, has been nearly 40,000 and it has had large means with which to promote, in many ways, enterprises that would be helpful to the colonies. To mention just a few features of the work in which the co-operation of the society has been enlisted, we may speak of scientific surveys and map-making, agricultural experiment stations, studies in tropical hygiene, German emigration to German Southwest Africa, investigation of the water problem in that colony, promotion of the construction of hospitals, the establishment of schools, training of African elephants as draught animals, the maintenance in Berlin of a permanent colonial exhibition, etc. The book is chiefly a record of the ways in which the society has endeavoured to promote the development of the colonies and, in some senses, it is practically a history of the progress of the German colonial movement.

Spain and Portugal. Handbook for Travellers. By Karl Baedeker. Third Edition. xcvi and 588 pp., 9 Maps, 57 Plans, Index and List of Artists. Karl Baedeker, Leipzig, 1908. Price, 16 M.

The introductory article on Spanish art, written by Professor C. Justi of Bonn, will help the traveller to appreciate the paintings, statues, and architectural monuments he sees. As the book is intended for English-speaking persons, heights are given in the text in English feet. The appearance of this edition, carefully brought up to date, will be appreciated, as changes are constantly taking place in Spain, especially now that the Spaniards are evincing greater desire to attract tourists by offering them more conveniences for travel and sightseeing.

Norway at Home. By Thomas B. Wilson. xi and 228 pp., 12 Illustrations and Index. George Newnes, Ltd., London, 1909 (?). Price, 5s.

A study of the life and occupations of the Norwegians by an author who has written other standard works on Norway and has had an intimate acquaintance with the country for thirty-four years. He first gives an excellent, condensed